

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1, 8, and 14. All pending claims are reproduced below.

1. (Currently amended) A system for searching data in a distributed computing network of sellers' commercial databases, the system comprising:

a distributed computing network comprising a plurality of sellers' commercial databases, said seller's commercial databases commonly related to an industry,

at least one buyer's node adapted to translate a buyer's first query,

a commercial search agent adapted to receive the buyer's first query regarding a selected item, said item one of a product or service, said commercial search agent in communication with said plurality of sellers' commercial databases, and said commercial search agent further adapted to search said plurality of sellers' commercial databases for information related to said selected item; and

at least one intelligent negotiation agent in communication with said commercial agent, said intelligent negotiation agent ~~for receiving~~ configured to receive said information related to said selected item and ~~for engaging~~ to engage in a negotiation for procurement of said selected item.

2. (Original) The system for searching data in a distributed computing network of claim 1, wherein:

said commercial search agent comprises an intelligent agent.

3. (Original) The system for searching data in a distributed computing network of claim 1, further comprising:

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